

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006
(Approved October 2, 2006)

The Board of Supervisors held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, September 18, 2006. Present for the meeting were supervisors Robert F. Preston, Atlee Rinehart, Tim Roland and Rosemarie Miller (Supervisor Miller arrived at 7:25 p.m.). Also in attendance were Casey LaLonde, Township Manager and Township Solicitor Jack Koury. Mr. Preston called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the September 11, 2006 Monthly Meeting

The minutes of the September 11, 2006 monthly meeting were not available.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Walt Woessner asked the Board of Supervisors what they expected from the Planning Commission regarding the proposed Regional Resource Protection Plan (RRPP) under final review of the Northern Federation.

The Board asked that the Township Solicitor's last review letter on the RRPP, revised copies of the RRPP and Patrick O'Donnell's latest letter be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review.

The Township Solicitor submitted a draft letter for review by the Board prior to solicitor contact with Mr. O'Donnell and having received no comment would finalize the letter and would submit to the Township Manager.

Gail Brown, of the Township Historical Commission, inquired as to when a meeting with Jane Davidson, Chester County Preservation Coordinator would be scheduled. She asked if the Township had received clarification of Scott Bowie's resignation.

Supervisor Preston requested that the Township draft Resolutions for each resigned member of the Historical Commission to show thanks for their service for the October 2, 2006 meeting.

Roland made a motion to send a letter to Scott Bowie asking for clarification on his resignation and that all former members of the Historical Commission be sent letters asking to return any and all Township / Historical Commission related materials and that copies of the materials shall be made for the members at Township expense. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

The Board directed the Township to advertise a special reorganization meeting for the Historical Commission for the first available date in October. Additionally, the Board directed that the Township distribute one (1) sketch plan at initial submission to the Historical Commission.

Mike Coine, asked for the status of the PECO high tension wire land brush clearing issue near the property of Lance Parson. The Board directed the Township to contact High Associates, the neighboring property owner, about reestablishing the brush buffer between the properties.

The Board directed the Township to allow five (5) business days after notification of political sign Ordinance violations before proceeding to citation.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Sanitary Sewer System Maintenance Contract

The Board reviewed the bids for sanitary sewer maintenance contract and requested that the Township Engineer ask MGK Industries whether or not a truck and other equipment is included in the price for Part A of the bid. After a review of the bids received for the sanitary sewer maintenance contract for the Township's sewer system, Rinehart made a motion to move forward with intent to award the maintenance contract to MGK on an 'as-needed' basis. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Technical Specification for Construction of Sanitary Sewers and Appurtenances

The Township Engineer explained the revised technical specifications for construction of sanitary sewers. The Board instructed the Township Solicitor to revise the appropriate Ordinance for future Board action. Roland made a motion to approve the revised specifications. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Floodplain Ordinance

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revises the nation's floodplain map periodically. The latest revision is dated September 29, 2006 and must be adopted by the Township through legislation enacted by the Board of Supervisors. Roland made a motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to revise all necessary Township Ordinances to comply with the latest FEMA Floodplain Map revision and advertise such revisions for adoption by the Board. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

PA Cleanways

After a brief discussion, the Board directed the Township to ascertain any insurance liability for the Township and if there is any insurance coverage available from the PA Cleanways organization.

Yard Waste Recycling

The Pottstown Council of Governments (COG) is investigating the possibility of establishing a regional yard waste recycling yard at location to be determined. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is set to begin enforcement of yard waste recycling early in 2007 and those municipalities mandated to collect yard waste must make provisions to collect and recycle such materials. East Coventry Township is not currently mandated to collect and recycle yard waste but shall in 2010.

Lower Pottsgrove Township is leading the investigation on applying for a DEP facilities grant to purchase equipment and build a recycling facility. Lower Pottsgrove Township has requested a "letter of intent" from each COG municipality interested in the concept. The letter of intent does not mandate the municipality participate in the grant program or future involvement in the project.

The Board requested that additional information and total and future costs of the recycling yard be ascertained when available from COG.

Roland made a motion to approve a letter of intent for the project. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Rinehart made a motion to approve the payment of bills presented. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Public Works – Sewer Department Truck/ Seasonal Laborer

Supervisor Preston requested additional information on the proposed purchase of a Public Works / Sewer Department truck including life cycle costs. Ray Kolb is to produce a full cost justification for the proposed truck and seasonal laborer position. Supervisor Roland suggested investigating used vehicles.

Coventry Glen Escrow Release

The Township Engineer presented a revised escrow release #17 for the Coventry Glen subdivision project. Rinehart made a motion to approve the escrow release. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Sewer System Pump Station Flows

The Township Engineer provided a detailed, multi-day sewer flow average for the four (4) pump stations in the Phase I Sewer System.

The Township Solicitor

At 8:55 p.m., the Board recessed into executive session to discuss litigation regarding the Herbert Zoning Hearing case.

At 9:10 p.m., the Board reentered the meeting.

Roland made a motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to enter a document intervening in the Herbert Zoning Hearing case with Chester County Court. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Miller, Township Secretary